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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJECT: LANG AFRIQUE SUGAR PROJECT

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 6294

(B) STATE 160559

1. ON AUGUST 10 ABIDJAN-BASED LANG AFRIQUE OFFICIAL INFORMED
E/C COUNSELOR THAT IN VIEA OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS, LANG WOULD NOT
REPEAT NOT MEET SEPTEMBER 15 DEADLINE. FURTHERMORE, IT WAS
TOUCH AND GO WHETHER LANG WOULD EVEN MEET END OF NOVEMBER START UP
TARGET. LANG AFRIQUE AND LANG CORAL GABLES REPRESENTATIVES
WERE MEETING WITH INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS AND CONTROLS OFFICIALS
(LANG PARENT COMPANY) IN HOUSTON IN ATTEMPT TO SALVAGE IVORY COAST
SUGAR REFINERY PROJECT FROM POSSIBLE DISASTER. LANG OFFICIAL
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COMMENTED THAT ISC HAS HERETOFORE OFFERED LANG MINIMUM OF SUPPORT

AND CURRENT ENDEAVORS ARE LIKELY TO BE "TOO LITTLE TOO LATE."
HE ADDED THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO LANG AFRIQUE'S CHANCES OF
OBTAINING SECOND SUGAR REFINERY CONTRACT WERE BRIGHT; HOWEVER,
NOTHING HAS GONE RIGHT SINCE THEN AND LANG STANDS LITTLE OR
NO CHANCE OF OBTAINING SECOND CONTRACT. HE INDICATED THAT LANG'S
CASH FLOW POSITION CONTINUES PRECARIOUS AND THAT LANG IS ENCOUNTERING
DIFFICULTIES IN MEETING CURRENT OBLIGATIONS.

2. COMMENT: SOURCE'S COMMENTS CONFIRM (SEE REFTEL A) THAT
LANG'S PERFORMANCE IN IVORY COAST HAS FALLEN FAR SHORT OF
GOIC'S AND EMBASSY'S HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS. WHAT "DAMAGE
LIMITING" DECISION WILL EMERGE FROM LANG/ISC MEETING REMAINS TO
BE SEEN. HOWEVER, ISC OVIOUSLY WILL NEED TO MAKE MAJOR EFFORT
TO SHORE UP LANG AFRIQUE'S FALTERING OPERATIONS IN WEST AFRICA IF
LANG IS TO REMAIN A VIABLE ORGANIZATION IN THIS REGION.
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